

**BOARD OF FINANCE
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2016**

PRESENT

TJ Butcher
George Householder
Hernan Salas
Janet Griggs
Marshall Collins
John Houchin, Alt
Deborah Cadwell

ABSENT

Ken Thomas, Alt
Robert Wolk, Alt

GUESTS

Kevin Lyden
Jim Savalle
Rick Martin
Phil Teixeira

CALLED TO ORDER

TJ Butcher called the meeting to order 7:04 pm

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

SEAT ALTERNATE IF NEEDED

COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA,

1. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

M/S/C-Griggs/Collins to approve the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

Abstain: Householder

2. ACT ON PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2016/2017

a. #930 Capital Expenditures

DISCUSSION ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:

Butcher stated he would read the Selectmen's opinions from the Board of Selectmen's Special Meeting 1-20-16 (See File Copy) before each capital line item; which he did. Lyden gave the Board pictures of the current lockers at Salem School. Lyden believes the current lockers are in good shape and any

nonfunctional lockers can be fixed and maintained. The Board believes the lockers look to be in good shape and can be fixed under maintenance.

M/S/C – Salas/Householder to remove line 1, BOE Replace Corridor Lockers(1994) , *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$38,449.00.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Salas to approve line 15, Library Interior Upgrade - Carpet, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$15,805.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

DISCUSSION ON SEPTIC FOR CONCESSION STANDS:

Householder stated that he has had concerns from the beginning regarding this project. He stated that the cost seems to be high. He concurs with the selectmen's opinion from the Special Selectman's Meeting Report 1-20-16 (See File Copy) that a pavilion with 5-6 picnic tables with portable bathrooms is the right decision for the town vs a concession stand with bathrooms. Lyden asked the Board if the Recreation Committee agrees with this compromise could the earlier funding of 46,000.00 for the well be used to then create the pavilion. Spang stated that the well was approved by the Board and taxpayers last year. Spang stated that she feels it's a slippery slope to make changes to funds/projects that were already approved by the taxpayers. Butcher stated that he believes Spang is correct that the Board cannot make changes to line items that have already be approved without going back to a town meeting. Spang said the Recreation Committee has been very open about this project and had submitted this project in three stages – well followed by septic and then concessions stands. Spang feels that bathrooms are the way to go. Spang stated there is room for compromise and agrees with the pavilion aspect. Lyden stated that the town's change in demographics of 28% less children doesn't support a second concession stand. Lyden stated that the current concession stand is not even open this year. Lyden stated he is also concerned about the maintenance of the proposed bathrooms. Spang stated the current concession stand is closed because the baseball clubs do not have enough volunteers to maintain the stand but all maintenance/cleaning is done by the clubs that use the stand. Lyden stated that the current restrooms are used as public restrooms because they are locked unless someone is using the concession stand and a portable restroom is located around 200' away. Spang stated that there are many things in town that are not open to the public 24 hours a day and the bathrooms are one of them; that the portable bathroom which Recreation Committee pays for is located there for people that use the trails and area when the stand/restrooms are unavailable. Collins stated that it is too bad the compromise wasn't accepted and that he will not support the concession stand/bathrooms.

M/S/C –Collins/Householder to remove line 16, Recreation – Septic for Concession Stand and Toilets, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$37,000.00.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Cadwell to approve line 18, PW 11 Foot Snow Plow, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$10,359.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Cadwell/Griggs to approve line 19, PW Zero Turn Mower, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$15,604.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

DISCUSSION ON PW F-250 PICKUP TRUCK:

The Board will remove this item because Lyden is going to try and apply for a grant to cover 50% of the cost. Lyden stated he will apply for the grant as soon as it becomes available.

M/S/C – Householder/Salas to remove line 20, PW F-250 Pickup Truck with Tail Gate Lift, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$32,361.00.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Collins/Griggs to approve line 21, PW Tractor, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$30,022.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

DISCUSSION ON PW ROAD IMPROVEMENT:

Householder stated that he would like to lower the 3.9% increase to a 2% increase due to the lower oil prices. Householder stated he would like to see all following years on the capital plan to also reflect the 2% increase.

M/S/C – Householder/Collins to approve line 34, PW Road Improvement, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$392,700.00, which reflect a 2% increase over last year, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Griggs to approve line 35, GLVFC/SVFCO Joint Fire Training Building, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the

amount of \$25,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

DISCUSSION ON GLVFC TANKER TRUCK:

Householder stated that he is still on the fence in regards to the tanker truck but feels if the Board is going to fund the Tanker then it should be done this year to keep capital spending around 1 million each year. Householder stated that if the tanker is to be funded it should be paid off over a two year time period. Chief Savalle stated that he took some of the recommendation made from the Selectman's meeting and went back to the tanker salesperson and with the automatic transmission the cost for the tanker goes up to 447,000.00. Savalle stated that the new tanker would be 3' shorter with a 3,500 gallon tank and the standard commercial chassis and will be no wider than any other commercial truck. Savalle stated that the combination of the rescue and tanker truck has not been discussed or voted on by the GLVFC Board. Savalle stated that the discussion that took place with the Selectman about that combination was just a simple coffee table discussion. Savalle stated he has looked into every brand of replacement tanker trucks and he feels that a Mack truck is the best choice because of the life span of this brand.

M/S/C – Householder/Griggs to approve line 38, GLVFC Tanker Truck, Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan, appropriation in the amount of \$225,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Griggs/ Salas to approve line 39, GLVFC Stationhouse Telephone System, Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan, appropriation in the amount of \$6,400.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

DISCUSSION ON GLVFC SLIP RESISTANT FLOORING:

Householder asked Savalle if the planned flooring is actually slip resistant or just sand painted on the floor. Savalle stated that the planned flooring would be applied after removing the top layers of paint from the floor, epoxy being applied and before the final coat a media that renders the floor skid resistant is applied. Griggs questioned Savalle if the flooring would have the same standards as Johnny's floor in Groton. Savalle stated that it would hold up better because of the change in technology from the time Groton's floor was installed.

M/S/C – Salas/Griggs to approve line 40, GLVFC Slip Resistant Flooring Install/Maintenance (25/26), Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan, appropriation in the amount of \$26,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Collins to combine line items 41/42 and approve as line 41, GLVFC Fire Fighting Turnout Gear/Hose, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$14,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

DISCUSSION ON SVFC ENGINE TANKER:

Householder stated that he agrees with funding the \$35,000 this year but if the SVFC is not successful in obtaining the grant for the funding of this truck then the purchase would have to go out until the 18/19 year. Chief Martin stated that the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant might cover only 50% of the cost and wanted to make the Board aware. Martin said the application was accepted and endorsed by Senator Blumenthal/Representative Courtney. SVFC Treasurer, Gene Maiorano, stated that you have to accept the offer at the time it is offered and you have up to 2 years to spend the money. Chief Martin stated that the current truck is safe but the build time of the new truck is around 300 days. Chief Martin and Treasurer Maiorano stated that FEMA would like to see that the Truck is funded by the town.

M/S/C – Householder/ Griggs to remove line 50, SVFC Engine Tanker, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$695,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/ Griggs to add line 50, SVFC Engine Tanker, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$35,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Salas to approve line 51, SVFC Replacement Gear and Hoses, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Collins/Griggs to approve line 56, Town of Salem (Multiple Use) Magnum 6000 Watt Light Tower, Towable, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Householder stated that changes to made tonight gives #930, Capital Expenditures. A total of \$810,890.00.

b. 10 Year Capital Plan

DISCUSSION ON GLVFC GEAR/HOSE:

Householder discussed with the Board his suggestions of changes to the *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*. The Board decided to make the changes that were discussed already tonight and to hold off on other changes until the next meeting to allow time to review Householder's proposed changes. Householder stated he would email his suggestions to the Board members.

M/S/C – Collins/Griggs to combine line items 41/42 and approve as line 41, GLVFC Fire Fighting Turnout Gear/Hose, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$14,000.00, for the remaining nine years of the 10yr capital plan subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Griggs to approve line 34, PW Road Improvement, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation to reflect a 2% increase over each previous for the remaining nine years of the 10yr capital plan, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Salas to approve line 51, SVFC Replacement Gear and Hoses, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the remaining nine years of the 10yr capital plan, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C – Householder/Griggs to approve line 50, SVFC Engine Tanker, *Town of Salem 10yr Capital Plan*, appropriation in the amount of \$250,000.00 for years 18/19; \$250,000.00 for years 19/20 and \$220,000.00 for years 20/21, subject to review/revision/table amount at the 4/13/16 BOF meeting for presentation at the public hearing.

Vote: Approved unanimously

M/S/C- Collins/Householder to adjourn at 8:54pm.

Vote: Approved unanimously

**Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Noe,
Recording Secretary**